

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2) having a roof covering (3) and several lateral frame parts (5; 6; ...), which at least partially span the roof covering (3) when the roof (2) is closed and follow each other in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, in which a rear frame part (5) extends from a window parapet line (7) with an upward extending component,

characterized in that the adjacent frame part (6), preceding the rear frame part (5) in the direction of travel (F) when the roof (2) is closed, can be moved without a force transfer through the rear frame part (5) by at least one drive (9) provided for roof opening, and the rear frame part (5) is suspended on a gear mechanism (10) that transfers the drive force and can be moved by [[it]]the drive force and, wherein the gear mechanism (10) includes a pair of substantially parallel links (27, 18) operatively connected to the frame parts (5, 6).

2. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the adjacent frame part (6) is connected to a pivot joint (11) along with the rear frame part (5).

3. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the rear frame part (5) is connected to a body (8) through at least one separate movable connection mechanism (12).

4. (Original) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 3,
characterized in that the connection mechanism (12) includes two levers (13a; 13b) forming a double joint (13) and connected to each other on a pivot joint (14).

5. (Original) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 4,
characterized in that the rear frame part (5) is firmly connected to a lever (13b) of the double joint (13).

6. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the rear frame part (5), in ~~its~~ a lower end area (16), has no direct body connection, at least during roof movement.

7. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized in** that to transfer force between the drive (9) and the adjacent frame part (6), a multiple joint (10) engaging on a vehicle body (8) on one end and on an adjacent frame part (6) on the other end, is used.

8. (Previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized in** that the multiple joint (10) is a four pivot joint suspension (19; 20; 21, 22).

9. (Currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 8, **characterized in** that the four pivot joint suspension (19; 20; 21; 22) includes the two links (27; 18) and the two links (27; 18) are mounted on a body (8) and extending upward to the adjacent-frame parts (5; 6) and connected so as to pivot thereat the frame parts (5; 6).

10. (Previously presented) A movable vehicle roof for a convertible vehicle according to Claim 1.

11. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized in** that the gear mechanism (10) includes a connection mechanism (12) having a pivot lever combination (13a, 13b).

12. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 11, **characterized in** that the rear frame part (5) is connected to one of the pivot lever connections (13b).

13. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the gear mechanism extends from the body (8) to the adjacent frame part (6).

14. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to claim 9,

characterized in that a pair of pivot supports (19, 20) are operatively connected to the body (8) and a pair of pivot supports (21, 22) are operatively connected to the adjacent frame part (6) and the rear frame part (5), respectively, and

the pair of links (27, 18) interconnect the pair of pivot supports (19, 20) and the pair of pivot supports (21, 22), respectively, to provide a four-link suspension.

15. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to claim 1,

characterized in that the links (27, 18) of the gear mechanism (10) are pivoted by the drive (9) in a direction opposite the adjacent frame part (6).

16. (New) A convertible vehicle (1) according to claim 15,

characterized in that the drive (9) is operatively connected to the link (18) of the gear mechanism (10).

17. (New) A roof having a roof covering for covering and uncovering a convertible vehicle, said roof comprising:

a first frame part;

a second frame part that precedes said first frame part in a longitudinal direction of travel of the vehicle;

wherein said first and second lateral frame parts at least partially span the roof covering in said longitudinal direction of the vehicle when said roof is in a closed position;

at least one drive for moving said roof between said closed position and an open position;

a gear mechanism;

said first frame part is operatively connected to said gear mechanism for transferring a drive force from said at least one drive to said first frame part to move said first frame part;

wherein said second frame part is movable without a force transfer through said first frame part by said at least one drive.